

Emergency Medical Services Commission Meeting Minutes

DATE: September 16, 2004

LOCATION: Marriott Hotel & Conference Center , Indianapolis

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary	Miller	(Private	Ambulance)
Jane	Craigin	(Hospital	EMS)
Rodney	Coats	(General	Public)
Carol	Sublett	(Volunteer	EMS)
Michael	Seaver	(Emergency	Nurses)
Bill	Hufford		(Paramedics)
Tim	Davie	(Municipal	Fire)
Myron		Mackey	(EMTs)
Doyle	Yeager,	MD	(Emergency Physicians)
Timothy	R.	Sandy	(Volunteer Fire)
Michael Olinger, MD		(Trauma Physicians)	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Luther J. Taylor, SR., Executive Secretary
Michael Garvey, Deputy Director
Brad Gavin, Agency Counsel

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rodney Coats.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Carol Sublett offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Doyle Yeager. Deputy Director Garvey offered a correction to change the certification number of Elmo Molter on page 7 to 13417 from 13427. The motion passed. The minutes were approved as corrected.

STAFF REPORTS:

EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION REPORT

First Responders certified this date:..... 7,689

Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date: 158
Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified:..... 15,460
Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:..... 166

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians to be certified this date:.... 16
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians currently certified: 1,362
Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians recertified this date:..... 20

Paramedics to be certified this date: 15
Paramedics currently certified:..... 2,582
Paramedics recertified this date:..... 25

Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate to be certified this date:... 4
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate currently certified: 49
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate recertified this date: 0

Temporary Certifications issued:

EMT-B: 5

Advanced EMT:..... 0

Paramedic:..... 1

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1349

Michael Olinger offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Gary Miller. The motion passed.

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I,
Paramedic Organization 1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced,
Paramedic Organization 8

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization 2

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
EMT Basic-Advanced Organization 1

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider,
EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization.....18

ALS Non-Transport Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	15
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organizatio.....	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	2
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider	112
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport.....	24
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization.....	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization.....	4

Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	5
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	26
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	4
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	58
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad.....	2
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization.....	26
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotocraft Air Ambulance.....	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	2
BLS Non-Transport Organization	314
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	97
Rescue Squad Organization	6
Rotocraft Air Ambulance.....	10
Total Providers.....	766

Deputy Director Garvey reported that the state was seeing a great increase in the number of rotocraft air ambulance services.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed.

EMS OPERATIONS REPORT

EMS Vehicle Inspections:	112
Provider/Hospital Applications Processed:	91
EMS Provider Visits:	40
EMS Provider Audits:.....	03
Hospital VisitsL:.....	08
Hospital Audits:.....	01
EMT Tests Proctored.....	06

Sherrie Crain , EMS Operations Director, reported the operations staff has been busy with conference responsibilities. Robin Stump is responsible for planning and supervising the Indiana Governor's Cup Ambulance Competition, Mark Nelson is responsible for the brochures and photos, Rebecca Blagrove is responsible for the Opening Ceremony, the awards and the Awards Presentation Ceremony, and the Memorial Service, Tom Nowacki is responsible for the skills sessions, Debbie Watson is responsible for the Vendor Show, Megan Wells is responsible for keeping the office running during conference, and Bill Arend assists with the brochure and the photographs.

Ms. Crain also announced that Anthony Collilouri has resigned and the agency will be hiring a replacement.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson reported that the system has recorded 767,000 runs. Deputy Director Garvey reported that the agency was working toward 100% compliance in data reporting. He also reported that an effort was being made nationally to develop national standardization of EMS run reporting.

EMS for CHILDREN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Tres Sherrer presented the commission with the advisory committee's recommendation for pediatric defibrillation: 1) all EMS curricula shall meet current AHA or equivalent BLS and ALS standards pertaining to pediatric defibrillation,2) pediatric defibrillation may be administered to children ages 1 to 8 by a First Responder or EMT when properly trained in the use of an AED. AEDs may be used on children ages 1 through 8 who have no signs of circulation. There is insufficient information to recommend the use of an AED on children less than 1 year of age. A lone rescuer should perform CPR for 1 minute before taking any other action. Defibrillation is recommended for documented ventricular fibrillation and pulseless ventricular tachycardia. If using adult pads, make sure the pads do not touch each other. The EMS Education Committee has reviewed the recommendations and supports the addition to EMS Commission approved curricula.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion that the Education Committee ensures that training for pediatric defibrillation with AEDs and pediatric biphasic defibrillators is placed into the

First Responder and EMT curricula. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sublett. The motion passed.

- Dr. Sherrer also expressed concern with the proliferation of air ambulance services. He asked the commission to appoint a task force to study the development of protocols on types of patients requiring air transportation.
- Pam Taylor, EMS for Children Program Manager, asked for assistance from EMS personnel in completing a needs assessment so the committee can apply for a \$600,000 grant to develop on-line pediatric EMS education.

2004 EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONFERENCE

Deputy Director Garvey welcomed those in attendance to the 25th Annual EMS Conference. He reminded those in attendance that the first conference was held at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center 25 years ago.

LEGAL MATTERS

PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE CASES

Agency Counsel, Brad Gavin presented a list of pending administrative cases. No action by the commission was required.

NONFINAL ORDER of the ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Cause #04-05, Rodney C. Dinwiddie

Appeal of Denial to Renew Certification

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an order to not renew the certification of Mr. Dinwiddie.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to affirm the Non-final Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Olinger. The motion passed. The certification of Mr. Dinwiddie will not be renewed.

Cause # 03-11, Brian Hawkins

Denial of Certification

Mr. Gavin reported that the Administrative Law Judge has issued an order to not issue a certificate to Mr. Hawkins.

Dr. Olinger offered a motion to affirm the Non-Final Order. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yeager . The motion passed. Mr. Hawkins will not be issued a certificate.

CONSIDERATION of TRAINING and CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Charles Miramonti, MD, asked the commission to consider entering into a dialogue to consider recognizing and regulating Tactical EMS. The goals of such regulation would be to enhance mission accomplishments, reduce morbidity and mortality, minimize liability, and diminish disability and costs by creating standardization of medical direction and training for Tactical EMS in Indiana . He asked the commission to expand the scope and power of the current non-rule policy for ALS response by Tactical EMS.

Tom Arkin, Wishard hospital EMS , spoke in support of the proposal as did Sgt. Tom Sellas, Marion County Police Department, and LT. Dale True, Indianapolis Police Department.

Tim Davie asked about the availability of protocols and Mr. Miller asked if a lack of certification was preventing care. Care is not now being denied. Dr. Olinger reported that a national curriculum currently exists which can be used to establish guidelines.

Deputy Director Garvey asked for permission to create a working group to study the issue.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVER REQUESTS

PROVIDERS:

Burlington Volunteer Fire Department, Carroll County

836 IAC 1, requesting a waiver to carry ALS Equipment of BLS ambulances
Staff's recommendation is to approve the waiver.

A previous waiver allowed for IV Fluids and administration supplies, endotracheal intubation supplies, pediatric defibrillation equipment, and medications. This waiver request does not include medications due to a change in medical direction

Ms. Sublett offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Bill Hufford. The motion passed. The waiver is approved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR and CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Executive Deputy Taylor welcomed all to the 25th Emergency Response Conference. He spoke of the 10 Homeland Security Districts being adopted by many state agencies and the need for counties to have transparent boundaries as they plan for emergency response. He also encouraged EMS organization to be active in local emergency planning and to get their fair share of available dollars.

Deputy Director Garvey asked the commission to award an Honorary EMT-Paramedic Certificate to Tammy L. Detweiler, an Advanced EMT and Emergency Medical Dispatcher, who died September 15, 2004.

Mr. Davie offered a motion to issue the Honorary Certificate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed.

2004 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, November 19

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.